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COMMODORE'S REPORT

would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Past Commodore Keith Parkes on his stewardship over the past two years. To be appointed Commodore of the GRYC, with all its history, is a great honour and one I was humbled to accept at the June AGM. In return for that trust I will serve the club to the best of my ability and strive to take it forward.

And what of the future? Our first action is to undertake further dredging to provide deep water berths all year round for our members. There are many reasons why people join this club e.g. racing, cruising, social activities, sail training and our 'Sailability' program. During the coming season our Cruising program will offer plenty of opportunities for members to share the fun of the river with sail and powered boats alike. Some trips will be short, maybe a raft-up for lunch, or a BBQ and overnight stay in the Coorong or Finniss. I encourage all members to experience the fun and fellowship of these events. The Sail Training offered last season was very successful and will be expanded over the coming summer as we seek accreditation as a 'YA Training Centre'. Then, in March 2011 we host the State Championships of Sailability SA. The feeling one gets from helping those less fortunate share our passion for sailing can't be described, it has to be experienced. If you haven't been involved, you are missing out. Get involved; enjoy it.

Another experience, enjoyed by many, is our Winter race series, sponsored by South Coast Sand & Civil. After a 'heavy' start the series is being sailed in idyllic conditions with an 18 boat fleet for the June race. Our race program for 2010/2011 continues to expand with 46 races scheduled over the coming season, starting with the 'Goolwa Jetty Builders Twilight Series' on Friday 8th October.

If your Winter is 'land-based' then put 25th September in your diary. That is the date of our 'New Members Night' when we welcome all those members who have only recently joined the club. I well remember my first season at the GRYC and have to admit that I never really felt part of the club until that first 'New Members' night. Your presence will make a difference.

Looking ahead to October the club is staging a Photographic Exhibition and Competition titled *River Life*. Running over the October long-weekend and in conjunction with the 'Goolwa Alive Festival' this event will showcase our vibrant and achieving club.

Just one week later, on Saturday 9th October, we will be joined by the Governor of SA and Mrs Scarce who will formally open our 2010/2011season. It is a reflection of the esteem in which this club is held that His Excellency has consented to officiate for us when there are so many conflicting demands on his time. I look forward to all members reciprocating that commitment and making this years 'Opening Day' something special.

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Web: www.gryc.com.au Email: gryc@gryc.com.au With water levels rising towards the predicted maximum 'Pool level' we have another great season ahead. As all game show hosts say "Come on down and enjoy it!"

Don Richardson.



Opening of Sailing Season 2010/2011

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, will formally open the GRYC 2010/2011 Sailing Season at the Club on Saturday 9th October at 2-00pm.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

would like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring committee members. Ian Campbell that wirey Scotsman, thank you for your enthusiasm and input on the general committee. I thank David Howard for keeping me out of trouble one minute then urging me on the next during the general committee discussions. Always a level head speaking with reason on the committee, David will be sorely missed.

Last, but not least, I must thank the retiring Commodore Keith Parkes and his ever smiling wife, Tracy. As Commodore, Keith has survived one of the toughest periods in the history of our club. No water, an empty marina, the sudden passing of our manager David Hanson and the GFC, all of which he could not control but had the job of leading our club through these difficult times. This he has done admirably and now Keith and Tracy can enjoy a well earned rest.

Welcome to the new Committee members Lyn Roberts, Locky Mclaren, and Brian Doser. They will bring their strengths and so the club can grow and prosper. Locky is a relatively new member but has had years of experience with various city based yacht clubs and associations and has taken on the role as Rear Commodore. The next two years will no doubt bring its challenges. I know the many sailing friends that I have made since I started sailing and joined the GRYC will help and advise me so that we can continue the fine traditions of GRYC.

If you did not get to the Annual Dinner you missed out on a good night. For the first time in quite a few years it was held at the Club. The atmosphere was great and everyone joined in, danced and had a good time. The official part of the evening saw the announcement of Club Champion. For the first time in the history of the GRYC we had a draw; congratulations to Randall Copper and Michael Veenstra; such close competition is rarely seen. Well done. Congratulations to David Howard in *Vintage Red* for winning the Spinnaker Division for the Summer Series, Roger Rees in *Wind in the Willows* for coming first in the non Spinnaker division, Graham Roberts for winning the most improved yachtsman in restricted 21's in *Altair* and our new Commodore Don Richardson for taking out the Flying Fifteen trophy. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the other competitors and our sponsors.

Everyone would have received their Membership subscriptions in the last few weeks. Please pay them promptly. There is nothing worse than having to chase overdue subscriptions; I know you are all going to pay them anyway so please make life simpler for all of us.

For the future of our club I would urge you all to encourage our younger members and to get them involved in the club. These people are our future. We also need to turn our attention to finding some new Sponsorship. If you have any ideas please let Brian Doser or myself know. We have a great program planned for the 2010-2011 season. See you on the water

Brendan Murray

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am jumping in the deep end! Ideally, I would have liked to have spent some time on the Committee before taking on the role of Rear Commodore, but we are not starting from scratch.

I have been involved in yacht clubs and associations for 25 years. The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club impresses me. It has a fascinating heritage and remains strong and resilient because of the contributions of many willing volunteers. A great program has already been developed for 2010/11, so I am keen and looking forward to many fun times.

As Rear Commodore, I will generally be talking about on-land aspects of the Club, but always in the overall context of the GRYC. For instance, I am interested in developing a club facilities upgrade plan that we can consider and implement over the next few years. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

The GRYC photographic competition from 1-4 October is a great new initiative which we should all support. There are four divisions for adults and children, so get involved and show every one your views of *River Life*. All the necessary information and entry forms are available on the club website www.gryc.com.au

You will be sorry if you missed the *French Cabaret Night* on Saturday 7th August in aid of Sailability. Sixty people put on French attire and enjoyed the cabaret band 'Lisette & Her Faux Manouches'. It was a memorable night!

I would also encourage all members to join in the other social activities run by the Club throughout the year. Come along and appreciate how spoilt we are, with the Friday Bistro every week, the monthly Club BBQ, the bar and the socialising after sailing events - when you will see some winners modestly accepting the praise and others learning what to do differently next time!

I am looking forward to meeting all the people associated with the Club and doing what I can to make GRYC even more successful.

It is all good fun with competitive sailing, relaxed cruising nurturing sail training at the GRYC.

Locky McLaren

Club Profile - David Howard an Advocate of Sailing

e sails Vintage Red, wins GRYC summer and winter races and has been a South Australian Farr 7.5 State Champion. He's a distinguished Civil and Commercial Lawyer who underplays his talent, (in fact my interview with David was peppered with his characteristic self deprecation). He's an admired advocate, mediator and arbitrator involved with resolving contractual disputes. David has been Chairman of the Governors of Seymour College and President of the Law Society of SA but never Commodore of GRYC, although for the last four years David has been a member of the GRYC General Committee where his counsel has provided wise and insightful guidance. The General Committee make clear that they miss having David aboard and are sorry that he is not able to continue. Yet, there are always ex officio roles and that mantle will surely suit David.

PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF SA BUT NEVER COMMODORE OF GRYC

David Howard has a mixture of Scottish, Irish and English ancestry ... 'with probably a bit of German thrown in for good measure'. He thinks that his 'family' came originally from Ireland in the 1880's (his mischievous smile accompanied by his well known laughing chuckle has that Irish origin?). But David thinks it's "only a smidgeon of Irish – much more Scottish, English and German."

He was born in Melbourne where his father was Secretary of the Trustees Companies Association of Australia and developed the first central share registry recording shareholdings and issuing company dividends. David attended Brighton Grammar School and Melbourne University where, not surprisingly, he studied law. He came to Adelaide in 1966 to work in the Commonwealth Crown Solicitors Office (now A.G.S.) as preparation for becoming a Barrister practicing in Civil and Commercial law. David has had some notable briefs during his career not least being that of the Barrister endeavouring to defend the former Chief Executive of the State Bank of SA Mr Tim Marcus-Clarke in the Government's claim to recover many tens of millions of dollars. Not a great success David says, but it did deliver some temporary notoriety. "A judgment for over \$80 million against Tim did not result in a dinner invitation. Former club member Brian Martin probably got an invite to dine with the Treasurer for his successful efforts!"

During his career sailing has been a release valve and although David is never given to overstatement he makes clear that 'sailing is, I suppose, a passion... though I also played squash badly."

David sailed at the RSAYS Squadron in 1967-68 and then from 1970 sailed Quick Cats - 16ft plywood single person catamarans



David at Marlay Point 2009

at Holdfast Bay YC. Early in his sailing career he also sailed a Hartley TS 16 at Brighton and Seacliff YC. In 'about 1972' David became Assistant Secretary at the HYBC, "largely because former Olympic champion John Parrington thought it would be a good idea to have a lawyer on board."

After a decade sailing a Maricat 4.3 at Henley, by the mid nineties David owned a Sonata 760 Sports named *Port N Coffee II* and by this time had joined GRYC. It was not long however, 'around 1996', that David sold his Sonata Sports and bought his Farr 7.5 *Vintage Red* which he has sailed with much success ever since. As the May issue of REGATTA indicated David has sailed in two Marley Point overnight races the last one with David Smallacombe on board his Austral Clubman *Steeple Jack*.

Besides sailing David and his Latvian and lawyer wife Ilona have wide interests in Opera and Travel. Travel to the UK, a memorable safari trip to Zimbabwe ('before the troubles ...") an expedition ship cruise to the Galapagos Islands and time in St Petersburg are memorable, but a recent highlight for them both was another expedition ship cruise from Broome along the Kimberley coast to Darwin.

David Howard has spent a lifetime studying the complex and 'intoxicating' world of the law where he has clearly had an outstanding career but it is a competitive yachtsman, GRYC advocate and friend that we know him. It is not only his skill that keeps him in the forefront but also his persistence that we admire ... characteristically he says "in any race persistence is all important." We always look forward to David's company, advice and humour and wish him long years of racing and cruising at GRYC.

Editor

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Dauntlus Cup 15th May, 2010

oss Hutchens of Corna Hardware was the generous sponsor for this year's Dauntlus Cup. Over 20 yachts were involved and in light conditions, Randal Cooper *Nerana* won the Spinnaker Division, Peter Shipside on *Maid Marian* the Non Spinnaker Division and Mike Fairnington *Silent Runner* the Multi Hull Division (see photo of Ross Hutchens presenting the Dauntlus Cup to the victors).



Members Bar Discount

Bar prices are to be increased from 1st October but members will be eligible to the discounted 'Members Prices'. The lower price will apply to members showing a current GRYC Membership card, which is being issued with 2010/11 subscription renewal.

It doesn't matter who you are or how familiar you are to the bar staff – No card – No discount.

Bar 'tabs' can be established by Members showing their current GRYC Membership card. Subsequent charges to the 'tab' will not require revalidation. No card – No 'tab'.

Lisette French Cabaret Night at GRYC 7th August

60 people attended the French Cabaret Night with Lisette et les Faux Manouches to raise money for GRYC Sailability. The band evec Lisette had recently played to sell out audiences at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. Redmond Crosby, a visiting friend of Brian and Sue Doser came as the French Detective *Maigret* complete with trilby and pipe and won second prize. For being 'the most French'. Verity Bottroff was completely French, insisting that she had bought every item of her exotic attire in Paris. However, the most French costume winners had to be Bruce Pattullo and Philippa Charlesworth. Congratulations Bruce and Philipa! The silent auction, with items ranging

from a pewter jewellry box to a summer cruise on *"Slingshot"* with Bruce and Phillipa (won after fierce competition by Vice Commodore Brendan Murray) was great fun, as well as a financial success.

Thanks for the effectiveness of the evening must not only go to the remarkable band, and all those who attended and kept the bar going, but thanks in particular go to Trish Rees, Lyn Roberts, Heather Parker and JP for their behind the scenes preparation. A memorable night ... to be repeated!



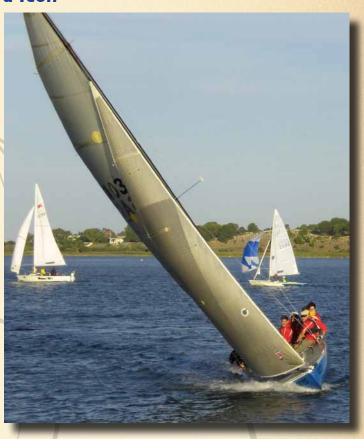
The 21' Restricted Class Yacht "A Goolwa Icon"

n its heyday, the 21-footer commanded the attentions of the cream of Australian sailors, and drew skippers, owners, crews and the sporting public together through war and depression in contests that often made front-page reports in newspapers around the country. The evolution of the 21-footers, which started not long after the turn of the 20th century, signaled the coming of age of yacht racing in Australia.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE 21-FOOTERS SIGNALED THE COMING OF AGE OF YACHT RACING IN AUSTRALIA

In the early 1920s, and for the next three decades, there was a class of classic wooden yachts in Australia that sailed in every capital of every state in keen competition. The 21' Restricted Class was for many years, the premier racing yacht in the country, and sailed in hotly contested races each year.

And yet, according to yachting websites, there are relatively few modern Australian yachtsmen who would know much about the class, and fewer who could recognise one of these boats except at GRYC. Indeed, it may be safe to say that most would not have even heard of the 21' Restricted Class except of course at the GRYC where we now have 9 Restricted 21's sailing regularly. Congratulations to all GRYC Restricted 21 skippers, Jock Veenstra, Randal Cooper, Mike Shirmer, Lyndon Bartlett, Michael Veenstra, Brian Doser, Grant Smith & Graham Roberts Stephen McArdle for keeping this premier Australian yacht alive, well and sailing.



Above - Altair Graham Roberts & crew Below Left - Nerana Randal & crew on port tack and Dolphin Mike Veenstra and crew on starboard tack Below - Brightun Mike shirmere & crew

Editor





SA Laser 2010 State Championships at GRYC Frostbite 2010 -Successful Return to Goolwa!

he Queen's Birthday Long Weekend 12th -13th June 2010 saw the return of Laser sailing to *the iconic Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club*, with the SA Laser Association holding their annual *"Frostbite Regatta"* there for the 28th time in the past 30 years. Low water levels in 2009 forced the event to Victor Harbour, but the introduction of the Clayton regulator in late 2009 has seen the river level rise over 1 metre, allowing sailing to return to this picturesque location.

Conditions for the weekend's racing were extremely light, with the wind not reaching over 5 knots for the entire weekend. However, Rick Elyward and his Race Committee still completed a 7 race series over the two days, including a novel pursuit race on Sunday morning, where competitors left the harbour at timed intervals based on their performances from Saturday, the race counting towards the overall score for the series allowing everyone a "fighting chance" and providing a point of difference for the regatta.

SAILING RETURNED TO THIS PICTURESQUE LOCATION

The Standard Rig racing was close between the Hughes boys (Todd and Shane), Jason Flak and Andrew Darcey on Saturday, with only an OCS costing Jason a clear series lead going into Sunday. A clear start on the final race allowed Andrew Darcey to win his only race for the series, winning the regatta by one point from Todd Hughes, the two being tied going into the final race. Peter Muirhead showed great form early, with a 2nd place in the first race of the regatta, and held on to score 3rd over all and win the Masters division by 1.5 points from Franz Lintl. Peter Fewings showed that Saturday's form was a blip on the radar, streeting the fleet in the pursuit race to easily win.

RICK ELYWARD AND HIS RACE COMMITTEE COMPLETED A 7 RACE SERIES OVER THE TWO DAYS

The Radial Rig class saw a number of smaller 4.7 sailors step up due to the conditions, with new-comers to the Radial, Ben Knoop, Doug Campbell and Emily Perkes all having time near the front. Tarryn Thompson timed her run perfectly to clearly win the pursuit race. But it was SASI scholarship holder Luke Hookings who won the regatta, only dropping a third place to win from Ben Knoop and Mitchell Lowe. Ben Knoop won the Youth division and Hannah Williams the Women's division.

There were 3 entrants for the 4.7 class after a few stepped up to the Radials, with all sailors being new to the class. Mikayla Thompson showed great talent to win the series from Bradley Leibbrandt and

James Kirkwood. James won the re-incarnation of the "L-Plate" Trophy, an encouragement award for new-comers to the class.

Saturday night saw a great social occasion for all competitors and families, with the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club dining room being full with stories of the day's sailing and the patter of little feet of what will hopefully be more Laser sailors down the track. Thanks in particular must go to Trish Rees and Cathy Portas for their food preparation and hospitality.

It was a successful return to the waters of the River Murray, with the amount of navigable water taking competitors back to the glory days in terms of their options for racing. If only the wind would cooperate next year, it could be even better.

Andrew Darcey, SA Laser Association.

Gratitude for Brian Hurrell* 1932-2010

His courage was incalculable His resilience immeasurable His humour infectious

Resisting for long years illnesses scourge Giving only random hints he was unwell Laughing as always at life's delight

A great career – national and international Rarely conforming with conformity He provided leadership Astride the loves of his life at home, work and play

Now he's gone, we still see his smile, Hear his chuckle, absorb his optimism and courage Built with Yvonne and family on love's foundations

A Port Lincoln man, a home town boy, westering home, at rest.

*Brian Hurrell was a long time member of GRYC and sailed his Noelex 25 Aussie Blue in many twilight series and Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classics throughout the eighties, nineties and from 2000 – 2005 often with his close friend Graham Nicholls (now of Sailability fame) as crew. GRYC extends their condolences to Yvonne Hurrell and family and thanks her for the privilege of us having known and sailed with Brian.

RJR

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inaugural Photographic Competition and Exhibition

The GRYC is hosting their inaugural Photographic Competition, entitled *"River Life"*, with an exhibition of all entries to be held at GRYC during Goolwa's major Town Festival, *'Goolwa Alive'*, over the **October 1**st – **4**th **long weekend**.

The Competition has two First Prizes of \$1,000 (one for Colour and one for Black & White Open Section) with separate prizes for 'Under 18' and 'Under 13' - so everyone can have a go.

The SA Photographic Federation is supporting the competition by providing accredited judges. Sponsors for this State wide competition include:

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GRYC is most grateful for this generous sponsorship.

Competition winners will be announced by Xavier Minniecon at the Exhibition Opening on Friday night 1st October at 7-30pm. The Exhibition will be on display to the public, with photographs for sale, from Saturday 2nd October to Mon 4th October from 10-00am - 4-00pm Saturday and Sunday and from 10-00am -2-00pm Monday 4th

Much Appreciated: Rob Carless Back on Deck

I was very moved by the best wishes conveyed to me, via the "Get Well" card autographed and with messages, from many members during my rather lengthy period of incarceration in two of South Australia's finest medical facilities - Ashford Hospital Intensive Care and Cardiac units, and Calvary College Grove Rehabilitation Hospital.

The heart job, which became apparent during a shoulder procedure in February, was planned for the time my partner, Trish, was visiting her sister in Scotland so she would not have the burden of looking after this grumpy old bugger in the period following the operation. Unfortunately for Trish that did not happen and she has ended up looking after me for two months.

Apart from Next of Kin and a few other family members as back up, I did not advertise the fact that I had booked myself into Ashford Hospital's Cardiac Unit for the aortic valve replacement, all pretty routine.

The successful procedure was carried out and I was moved from ICU (intensive care unit), back to my room in the CSU (cardiac surgical unit). This followed three days in an induced coma for the surgery to heal,

Two days later I produced one almighty cough, blew my chest apart and it was back to the ICU where, after being put back together, I was kept in an induced coma for ten days, during which time the breastbone was rewired and I didn't move a muscle, thus giving the sternum a chance to knit. One of the nursing staff who was with me at the moment, and who kindly went through my 500+ page file to list the course of events, told me they even had to scrape bits of my inside of the window drapes.

I WAS AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES

As I told some of my visitors, if they wanted to have a chuckle on Rob, they would never get a better opportunity, because for several weeks, I had been away, way away with the fairies and I could not separate fact from fairyland and had absolutely no idea of what happened.

I started out to make a list of all my visitors and callers and every list was different so to those of you who spent so much time with me, the numerous callers with best wishes, my deepest heart felt thanks for your support, I dare not mention one because I will miss another of equal importance and there were many offers of all kinds of help.

To finish with some useless information. I lost about 12 kilos in muscle tone, but every morning I feel twice as good as I did the previous morning. I was advised against eating the remains of the pig that gave his life for my "new" heart and would appreciate not being referred to as "old trotter!"

Thank you all again for your good wishes.

Rob Carless

George Dostal Photographs

Club Members are becoming familiar with George's excellent photographs. On 8th September, 2010 George's photograph of two Ibis adjacent to the *PS Goolwa* will be a feature of the ABC Television Weather Report. Congratulations George. MAY 2010

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